

raised as we were going through the debate yesterday on 1114 when there was such an emphasis put on the...we're not limiting the people, we're limiting local government officials, and there was so much emphasis placed on this premise that we'll be able to allow the citizens of a particular community to override any levy limit, which I think places a real importance upon what we do and provided some, for me, having to really look at what was LB 964 and how that would dovetail.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President, and I think I'll wrap up with that and just say that hopefully with the reconsideration motion being successful I think we maybe have set the standard so far this year. A little while ago we had nine members on the floor so we've scattered them hither and yon probably as effectively as any other issue so far this year, but I would hope that maybe they've been listening in their offices as they've been working and will come back and support the reconsideration motion and so we can take another shot at the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Elmer. It's not necessary. There are no further lights on. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Though I'd always been curious that if someone calls the question and that's not necessary if someone else could just go ahead and call the question and we could then vote, have a roll call vote, recon...vote...not vote and then reconsider that one too, and I would put to you, Senator Elmer, that, and this is not critical at all, that just...it put to you then, I could call the question too and, hopefully, you know, that we would get to a vote on that and we'd get reconsidering that, but obviously that's silly and that's not worth doing. This particular...and, Senator Maurstad, just for an interesting point, before you got here and before cloture was the rule of the day, everyone complained about filibusters because they were so long and since that time of cloture we haven't had filibusters anymore. They solved that problem. We've had probably as many as 50, I would assume, long 12-hour debates on General, Select, and Final Reading. And the difficulty in the old days of the filibuster was that you had to be willing to go forever. The cloture makes